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SUBJECT: REPORT OF PLOT AGAINST KING FEISAL AND SAUDI
OFFICIALS

1. EMBOFF WAS CALLED MAY 17 BY YOUNG PALESTINIAN WHO HAS BEEN VISITING HIM FROM TIME TO TIME OVER PAST YEAR AND GOES UNDER THE NAME OF DR. SALAH. SALAH HAS NOT GENERALLY VOLUNTEERED HARD INFORMATION ON PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, WITH WHICH HE SAYS HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED, BUT TO WHICH HE IS OPPOSED.

2. ON THIS OCCASION SALAH VOLUNTEERED THAT THERE IS AN IRAQI PRESENTLY IN RIYADH, BY NAME OF SALAH, WHO IS SOMETHING OF A DOUBLE AGENT. HE REPORTS TO IRAQIS AND PERHAPS TO OTHERS (INFORMANT DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHOM). HE SAID SALAH AND GROUP AROUND HIM SMUGGLED IN VARIOUS ARMS AND MISSILES DURING THE "HAJ" PILGRIMAGE SEASON. HE IS SUPPOSED TO SABOTAGE OIL INSTALLATIONS AND THAT SORT OF THING, BUT HAS NOW DECIDED TO GO AFTER A TOP SAUDI PERSONALITY, EITHER THE KING OR PRINCE FAH'D OR DEFMIN SULTAN. HE HAS SAUDIS HELPING HIM. THE ATTEMPT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS,PERHAPS RELATED TO PRINCE FAH'D'S TRIP TO THE US.

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3. INFORMANT SAYS HE KNOWS SALAH PERSONALLY. HE COMES

FROM MOSUL AND HIS REAL NAME IS SALAH AL-MOSULI. HE IS A FORGER-PRINTER WHO CAN TURN OUT PASSPORTS RAPIDLY. HE IS A VERY BIG MAN WITH MUSCLES WHO CAN "KICK LIKE A MULE". HE USED TO WORK FOR IRAQI INTELLIGENCE BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR IF HE STILL DOES. INFORMANT BELIEVES SALAH INTENDS TO KILL THE PEOPLE WHO CARRY OUT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT EVEN IF IT IS SUCCESSFUL' INFORMANT IDENTIFIED ANOTHER MEMBER OF GROUP BY THE NAME OF SAID. HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN IRAQI WHO HAS LIVED SEVEN YEARS IN SAUDI ARABIA WORKING BOTH FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR OIL COMPANIES. HE IS TALL AND SKINNY.

4. THERE IS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP (NOT CLEAR IF ONE OF THE ABOVE TWO) WHO IS OF PERSIAN PARENTS BUT HAS LIVED IN IRAQ ALL HIS LIFE.

5. INFORMANT SAID GROUP OPERATES BOTH IN SAUDI ARABIA AND OUTSIDE, FROM BEIRUT. HE PUT NUMBER INSIDE AT ABOUT NINETEEN, AND OUTSIDE AT ABOUT SIX. AMONG PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GROUP ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN ACTION AGAINST OIL PIPE LINES AND INSTALLATIONS FEW YEARS BACK.

6. DEPARTMENT REPEAT OTHER ADDRESSEES AS DESIRED.

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